

HIS HEAD IN A HALTER.

BUT THE NOOSE NEVER TIGHTENED ROUND THE THROAT.

An Interesting Story Recalled by the Casual Meeting of Two Men in Washington—Given a Chance to Pray the Victim Makes a Statement That Saved Him.

A distinguished looking man was sitting in a cafe in this city the other evening. The waiter had just brought him a sample of Washington's favorite drink, a "ricky."

Before he had taken a sip of it, another, who had just entered the cafe, walked over to him and extending his hand said: "How do you do, major? I haven't seen you for a long time."

The man addressed as major, who, by the way, is Major McMichael, of the war department, looked at the newcomer doubtfully and said politely: "I fear, sir, that you have the advantage of me."

"Well, major, the first time you ever saw me I was at one end of a rope and you at the other. Now do you recall me?"

"By all that's holy," cried the major, excitedly seizing the other by the hand, "if it isn't Blank!"

"Yes, it is Blank, sure enough—the man whose life you saved that night."

The two men shook hands heartily, and after a few minutes' excited conversation passed through the swinging doors into a rear room.

Later, Major McMichael yielded to the request of some friends and told a curious story. In fact he yielded up a first class novel in less than a column.

"It occurred a year or so before I came here," he said, "I was engaged in cotton planting near Vicksburg. There were a number of plantations about the mine, and in the neighborhood was the usual store, which made a practice of advancing goods, provisions and money on crops. Among these who were engaged in planting in the neighborhood was Mr. Blank, who just renewed his acquaintance with me. He was a northern man who had married a girl of a good family in the neighborhood. The proprietor of the general store had made advances to Blank on his crop, but the crop had failed."

"One day Blank went over and shot the storekeeper, killing him. He was arrested and lodged in jail. The next day a party of Vicksburgers came over to my house and asked me to join them in lynching Blank. I demurred, saying that before I went into an affair of that kind I wanted to know just what the man had been guilty of. They then told me the story of the killing, saying that Blank had killed the storekeeper simply because he had refused to advance him on this year's crop, he having failed to settle for the last year's advances, and that it was a cold blooded murder, for which he should hang. I consented to accompany the party."

"That night we went to jail, where we secured possession of our victim without difficulty. We took him to a railroad bridge. There we fastened one end of a rope about his neck and the other to a bridge beam, intending to throw him off and let him struggle to death. When all the preliminaries were arranged one of our own party suggested that the unfortunate man be given an opportunity to pray. He then spoke for the first time. He was the most remarkably cool man I ever saw. Notwithstanding his desperate situation he was as cool as though he were in a debating society instead of the principal in an impending tragedy."

"Gentlemen," he said, and there was not a quaver in his voice, gentlemen, before I pray I would like to make a statement telling you how I came to kill that man. "You can make a statement, if it is not a long one," replied our leader.

"It will not be long," he answered us. "Gentlemen, I did kill that old Yankee. It is true that I was in his debt for last year's advances. It is true that I went to him for advances on this year's crop, because I believed that I could make more than enough to pay me out both years. It is true that he refused me. I then went home and told my wife that we had better pack up and go back north, as we could do nothing here without advances and the storekeeper had refused to make any. She disliked the idea of moving away from her childhood home and suggested that she would go to see the storekeeper herself, that he had known her all his life and she would make a personal appeal to him. I consented to her going, under the circumstances, hoping she might succeed where I had failed. She went, and she saw him, and made her pitiful plea."

"My God, gentlemen, what do you think that wretched old Yankee did? He said he would make the advances provided my wife would surrender her honor to him. She sprang his degrading proposition and returned home in tears. I demanded the cause. She reluctantly told me. My first impulse was to take my gun and go and kill the scoundrel. But persuaded by her entreaties I gave over the thought and slept upon the matter. The next day I brought a letter from the villain in which he repeated his proposition. I hesitated no longer, but took my gun and went over to his store and shot him dead."

"SAVED FROM THE GALLOWS. "You don't hang this night," I shouted, throwing the rope from off his neck. "Have you got that letter?" inquired a dozen eager voices.

"It is at my house," was the calm reply. "We will go to your house with you," I said, "and if you can produce that letter, and it is genuine, you don't hang at all."

"Well, we went to his house with him. He produced the letter. It was examined and pronounced probably genuine. It was determined to compare it the next day with a letter known to be genuine. In the meantime Blank was informed that it would be necessary to return him to jail while we conducted the examination. We assured him that as soon as we became absolutely convinced of the truth of his story we would go in a body to the judge and arrange to bail him out. A comparison of the letter with others known to be written by the dead man convinced us of the genuineness of the one Blank had.

"We then got him out on bail and he was never even indicted for the killing. It was perfectly justifiable in Mississippi eyes. Oh yes, Blank made a good crop that year and has since prospered, though I had lost sight of him and even forgotten his features. But of all the cool men I ever saw he was the coolest, and I have seen some pretty cool fellows under fire in my time too."

And then the major lit his cigar and strolled thoughtfully homeward.—Washington Cor. Brooklyn Eagle.

shifted uneasily from one foot to the other during this proceeding and looked bored. There was a twinkle of satisfaction in the woman's eye. She had disposed of some coins that were not worth the space they occupied in her pocketbook. It pleased the conductor, too, because the conductor represented a big monopoly and was therefore fair game.

The woman's friend had been watching the little comedy with a smile, and when the conductor held out his other hand for her fare she dropped a ten cent piece into it. The conductor's opportunity to make a "mean thing" of himself had come, and he dropped his five ill assorted coins into the second woman's hand and walked out to the rear platform much pleased with himself. The passengers smiled. The victim of the coins looked reproachfully at her friend. Then both women concluded that they didn't want to rile any further.—New York Sun.

Causes of a Crowd on a New York Street. A big crowd gathered on Park row about 7 o'clock one evening to watch a man flourishing a dusting brush in one of the plate glass windows on the street floor. A policeman saw that something was going on and elbowed his way through the crowd.

"What is he doing?" asked some one in relation to the man in the window. "Oh, he is trying to kill the great big spider!" exclaimed one of those persons who are always ready to give information without regard to its value.

"No, it must be a snake," chimed in somebody on the outskirts of the crowd, and therefore not in a position to see anything but the men and women in front of him.

"Go 'way, it's a trapper, got away from de Italian's bank," volunteered a small boy with the readiness of an amateur.

Meanwhile the crowd surged from side to side, and men craned their necks to get a glimpse over their own shoulders. The cause of all this excitement was an innocent and badly frightened little ten year old boy, who had unwittingly flown in at the open door, and subsequently made vain yet frantic efforts to escape through the transparent yet unyielding plate glass. It was in a fair way of leading its brains out when a blundering simpleton of the crowd evaded the plate of cutting it in a dusting brush. After several unsuccessful attempts he finally secured it and released it outside the door. It flew away with a frightened chirp, and the crowd applauded.—New York Times.

New Fish Travel. All the mystery about the eel, as science has learned within the last few years, is due to the fact that it lays its eggs, or brings forth its young alive, in the sea, whereas other fishes, like the shad, leave the ocean to spawn in fresh water streams, but the eel's eggs and slippery customer does precisely the reverse. The young eels, newly born or hatched, leave the salt water and make their way in armies up the rivers inland. Obstacles apparently insurmountable they use the utmost ingenuity in passing, even traveling considerable distances upon dry land in order to get around an obstruction.

In the spring and summer any visitor at Niagara who descends beneath the great sheet of water at the foot of the falls will see literally hundreds of vast loads of small eels wriggling over the rocks and splashing in the whirlpools. Of course, it is impossible for them to get over the falls, and this it is hoped that, since eels have always been plentiful in Lake Ontario, there were some in Lake Erie, and that they were planted in the latter body of water artificially.—New York Sun.

Rules for Good Eyesight. The following simple rules for the preservation of the eyes are worth remembering: Keep a shade on your lamp or gas burner. Avoid all sudden changes between light and darkness. Never begin to read, work or sew for several minutes after coming from darkness into light. Never read by twilight, moonlight or any light so weak that it requires an effort to discern it.

Never read or sew directly in front of the light window or door. It is best to let the light fall from above, obliquely over the left shoulder. Never sleep so that on waking the eyes shall open on the light of a window. The moment you are instinctively prompted to rub your eyes that moment stop using them.—Exchange.

Don't Ask Him Bed Questions. If more of us listened as frankly to the recurrences of conscience, the number of ill bed questions would speedily diminish. It is worthy of note that some of the most persistent bed bugs of society resort most strongly to the efforts of others to lift

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the will of their own lives. Is it that they know to be untrue the excuse of "feeling a friendly interest" which they allege for themselves? A friendly interest receives confidence with pleasure and guards them with care. It neither demands nor reveals.—Harper's Bazar.

Timely Advice. Mr. William P. Pierce, an old time Boston merchant, used to be fond of uttering impressive maxims to his young friends. One Sunday thirty years ago, at Swampscott, he accosted two young aspirants as they were journeying churchward, and, holding aloft his cane as a signal for them to stop, thus addressed them: "Young men, I have one thing to say to you here and now. Never forget it! If your fathers on dying leave you a fortune spend it judiciously!"—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

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